

"What is the Matter With Bennington?"

SHRIMSBURY, Vt., Sept. 20th, 1894.

Editor Banner: "What is the matter with Bennington?" Matter enough indeed! She is waking from her lethargy and showing that she has a heart and a conscience and a spirit. And her officials are waking to their duty with vim and fearlessness, and I am glad to see in your last issue that they are not forgetting to enforce other criminal laws along with the liquor prosecutions. And it is a good sign and quite amusing to note how quickly the cry for high license is raised, bolstered up (or attempted to be), by the arguments that were worn out and obliterated years ago. We are told that liquor will be made as long as corn grows, and will be drunk as long as it is made, and consequently we should repeal the prohibition law and enact license. They fail to mention that horses have been stolen from time immemorial and will be for ages to come, law or no law, although Vermont and thirteen other States passed prohibition laws against it, more than a hundred years ago. And they forget to mention that horse-stealing in Bennington county has grown to such dimensions, notwithstanding prohibitory laws, that the people were obliged to meet in convention at Arlington to devise means to suppress it. But they also fail to suggest as a cure for this evil, the enactment of a horse stealing license law, and that the strong arm of that law be invoked to make horse stealing respectable. Gentlemen of high license, the legislature of Vermont will soon be in session. Let us have a horse stealing license law by all means, then let us liberate C. R. Young, and I assure you he will set the ball rolling by giving a \$5,000 license, and his pals will follow suit, and thousands of dollars will flow into our treasuries. See what a bonanza it will be! And then best of all, the calling will be raised to respectability, so that our children can engage in it without sneaking around in the dark. Mr. Bassett must be right. The law against horse stealing don't amount to what it was intended for and ought to be done away with. He says: "some might ask the question, why not license a person to steal?" and admits that it is rather a leading question, but says the cases are not parallel. He is right; the cases are not parallel. A license to steal would license to steal only, but a license to sell liquor is a license to manufacture the thieves, and not only that, but idiots, lunatics and murderers. It is a license to take ten cents of hard earned money for two cents' worth of poison. A license to steal a man's intellect and manhood, to take away his children's bread, and his wife's happiness and turn her love to scorn and hatred, to make a man a brute at home and a curse to society. No indeed, the cases are not parallel. Mr. Bassett admits that more sin and evil comes from drinking than any other way, and yet he counsels that we should sit tamely down and caress and protect the evil. I submit that he is doing injury to his own good sense and honesty. I have read with eager interest the letter of Judge White. It is grand and to the point. I hope we shall hear from him again.

I am astonished that Major Valentine should assert that liquor selling is a crime only as the law makes it! How is it that the wife-murderer is a criminal of the deepest dye, while the vendor of the motive power of that crime is a criminal only because the law says so? And how is it that Wells Valentine and all the other license writers in your paper admit that drunkenness produces more crime than all other causes combined, and yet gravely ask that the State of Vermont should extend the strong arm of the law to protect the liquor seller and make drunkenness respectable? Very truly yours, GEO. J. BOND.

"For Extreme Penalty."

SOUTH SHAFESBURY, Sept. 24th, 1894. Mr. Editor: I have read the public letters from some of the good people of Bennington village, touching the enforcement of the prohibitory law of our State in this county. I have taken an active part in such attempts, sometimes, for the purpose of trying to save the men engaged in handling it, as they are often the first victims of their own sin. The tone of some of these letters is worldly and has not the true Gospel ring.

The law of God is going to be fulfilled. The Court of Heaven will have in all the evidence, with no lawyers to befog and pervert it, for the devil does all his pleading in this world. Wilful sinners have no advocate before that court. There are no degrees of sin or crime and but one punishment for all sin of whatever name, whether it be rumselling, adultery, horse stealing, or any other of the many forms of sin that our laws fail to stop. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

It has often been urged as an objection to our prohibitory law that it is not enforced and cannot be wholly. That is equally good against the ten commandments, as our laws, or those of them that are in accord with divine law, are but a re-enactment of the commandments with penalties attached to be executed in this life. These penalties satisfy only the human law. God will judge them that have broken his law, regardless of any other fact, except as are redeemed through Christ.

There are no indulgences in God's government. License, high or low, is contrary to this fundamental law. There is no temporizing or compounding with criminals. Selling one drink will be punished with the death penalty as certainly as a greater number.

"Repentance before God and faith in Jesus Christ" is the only means that can secure pardon and stay the execution. In view of uncompromising statements

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as fill all of God's revealed will from Genesis to Revelation, how is it that Christian men (I never heard a woman), will favor high license laws for one form of sin any more than another.

There seems to be a feeling of helplessness on the part of many of our good people. The whiskey trusts and organized rum interests everywhere seem too strong to be overcome by anything human. This may be so and it may not. Human ingenuity has concocted the whole scheme and we have no right to say the same power may not destroy it. God will not see us fail if we attack it in His name as relentlessly as He has cursed it.

I want to call the attention of the public who are considering now "What are you going to do about it?" to one element in God's system of law and penalty. There is but one offense and one penalty, not first, second, third, etc., with a graduated scale of penalties. How is it; have we improved on the Divine plan?

There is a possible remoteness in the execution of the Divine penalty, as it comes in its complete force after death, that tempt men to break the law, and repent possibly, before death, and thus get out of the penalty, which I suppose has led legislators to undertake to make the "way of the transgressor hard" by restraining them in this world. If God has judged it wise and best to inflict the extreme penalty for first offense, why do we not do it?

If we have any right to restrain men by force from doing evil, then responsibility for the spread of crime rests on us who make the penalties and execute them.

The only places on earth that I ever heard of where the saloon has never secured a place, are Greeley, Col., Harrison, Tenn., and such towns, have made it a part of their law that any real estate on which intoxicants should be dealt in should be forfeited to the town.

Make that the law in our State and would we have any more saloons than we now have breweries and distilleries? Did you ever think why it is the latter establishments are entirely lacking in our blessed little State? Just consider the two; saloon, brewery. Why does Vermont have the one and not the other? Business men do not need to be told. Capital will never be put into real estate that is liable to confiscation.

Men rarely go into anything criminal where the State's prison awaits them. Fellow citizens, Vermont does not want more law, but more the quality of Divine justice, extreme penalty.

You, Reverend Brethren of Bennington, preach a crusade of adequate penalty; and invoke the mighty influence of God to arouse a lively sense of responsibility on the part of our Legislature, elect that they may add to the penalty for rumselling, so there will need be but one conviction, to put the convict and his premises to public use.

This matter is of pressing importance. Now is the accepted time to work as well as to repent. What we do must be done quickly. If our Legislature is to be reached in the coming session, the determined men of our State must move now.

If we do not succeed in getting an extreme penalty now, we will continue the agitation until the next election.

We know God never relaxes his claims on us. We have no right to relax our efforts in His service.

Yours for extreme penalty, L. W. COLE.

"Rock Me to Sleep, Mother."

The poem, "Rock me to sleep mother" was written by Elizabeth Akers Allen, known otherwise as "Florence Percy." It is a general favorite for it is a sweet little touch of home life. But there is another side to the picture. Many a mother rocks her child to sleep who can neither rest nor sleep herself. She is always tired, has an everlasting back ache, is low spirited, weary, nervous and all that. Thanks be she can be cured. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will do the work. There is nothing on earth like it for "complaints" to which the sex are liable. Once used, it is always in favor.

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It was just before election
In the old Green Mountain State,
I was talking with a farmer friend
Across his door-yard gate;
Had been a life-long Democrat,
One of the bluest kind,
A man of set opinions,
Who always spoke his mind.
I asked the farmer what he thought
Of our new tariff law,
Well now, said he, I rather think
These fellows shot to kill.
I've voted with the Democrats
Nigh on to fifty year,
I've swallowed doses many a time
Which tasted mighty queer.
I've been as blind as any bat,
Now I look back and see
How prejudice has always made
A cursed fool of me.
But I've got through a bit'n' off
My nose to spite my face,
And now I ain't a groper 'round
To try and find my place.

I never was a slavery man,
Or Southern copperhead,
My sons fit for the stars and stripes,
And now they both are dead,
And they were both Republicans;
It used to make me mad,
When they argued I was wrong, and said:
"You'll some time see it, dad."

But thank the Lord I see it now,
Although I see it late,
I'm going to vote your ticket boys
And I shall vote it straight.
The Democrats have never done,
So far as I can see,
A single thing but fight agin
The Northern States and me.
That cursed South has always led
Our party by the nose,
And if we had an aching corn
They trod upon our toes;
But this time they have gone too far,
They've killed the party dead,
Mechanics, farmers, all alike,
Are crying out for bread.

The country's gone to Davy Jones,
While they have got the pull,
There's one old saying come to pass,
Much cry and little wool;
They've said more things agin themselves
Than I could ever say,
About the mean and dirty tricks
The party leaders play.
They've played into old England's hands,
They've fed the sugar trust,
They've torn the flag of freedom down
And trailed it in the dust;
I feel as though I'd like to go
Somewhere and hide my face,
For I have helped to bring upon
Our country this disgrace.
But I for one, so help me God,
Won't cast another vote
To help such tarred traitors try
To cut the Nation's throat,
And then perhaps my boys will know
I've tried to right the wrong,
And be more pleased to welcome me
When I shall come along.

—When you buy a bunch of matches next year you may buy a relic of the Wisconsin fire at the same time. The Diamond match company intends to put in 200,000,000 feet of logs this winter in order to save those which lay in the path of the forest fire.

—News comes from Paris that the long stocking is doomed and that the ultra-fashionable woman now wears socks. Sad news this. Neckties and shirts and knickerbockers have for some time been common property, and now if this report is true, a man can't be certain hereafter of finding his socks when he goes to get them from his bureau drawer.

IN THE LOCAL FIELD.**North Bennington.**

Miss Ella McCullough went Saturday to New York, to take a pleasure trip with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Park.

Mrs. Fanny Ripley returned a few days since from Cambridge, N. Y., where she had been visiting a sister, Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. J. D. Atwood was called last week to Saxton's River, by the sickness of her son George, who had recently entered school there. She has not yet returned.

The first of a series of evening entertainments by the Catholics, this week, "Hickory Farm," was given last evening in Bank Hall. The attendance was quite large, and the different parts so well taken as to give great satisfaction.

Mrs. Mary Jane Colvin and her son, Fred H., attended the wedding of their niece and cousin, Miss Bertha Johnson, at Valley Falls, N. Y., and John Wiley of Brunswick, N. Y. It was a fine occasion, being held in the new Baptist church.

The dry weather, which held on so long before the recent occasional rains, is being severely felt here. Many wells are dry, as well as very little water in the mill stream for manufacturing purposes. The spring supplying the residence and farm stock at Fairview, has ceased for the first time to furnish its quota.

The Rev. C. H. Spaulding of Boston, Mass., corresponding secretary of the Baptist Publication Society, gave a lecture before the young people's societies in the church last evening. It was scholarly and instructive, to the young Christian especially, and deserved the listening ears of a full house. The notice given of the lecture was not probably understood.

The Baptist State convention will be held here this week, commencing to-day and closing Thursday noon. It is expected it will be largely represented by ministers and delegates, and that a feast of good things will be enjoyed. The programme is one that will interest all who have the welfare of mankind at heart, and who desire the coming of the kingdom of Christ in the world.

South Shaftsbury.

Mrs. Wm. P. Mattison is expected home this week.

Miss Hattie A. Mattison is teaching in the town of Bennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullis spent several days in Wallingford during fair time.

Miss Delia Ball of North Adams, Mass., has been visiting her grandfather, E. V. Chase.

G. P. Montgomery and Simon Green are rapidly pushing forward their new houses.

The "Workers" will give an ice cream and cake social on the church grounds next Friday evening.

Mrs. Lillian Pettit and son and daughter are at present guests of her uncle, Hon. Wm. P. Mattison.

Mrs. Babbitt, a sister of Milo Pierce, is visiting her brothers and sisters in town, as is her yearly custom.

Edgar Niles has so far convalesced that he is able to come to his brother Herman's. Mr. Niles has the sympathy of all his friends in this hour of great trial and affliction.

S. M. Bowles will deliver a temperance lecture at Good Templar's Hall on Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th at 7.30 o'clock. No admission fee, and a cordial welcome is extended to all.

Mrs. Woodhull, wife of Rev. Heber Woodhull, was a guest of Dr. Woodhull over Sunday. She left Monday morning for her western home, taking little Mamie back with her.

The temperance concert will be given on Sunday evening next under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. We hope to see our friends of temperance rally around us to help on the good work struggling for the mastery in our midst.

Arlington.

Mrs. Abbie Coy Woodard is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Vauk.

Mr. Liscomb and family returned to their home in Albany, Tuesday.

The Parish school commenced Monday with Mr. Taylor of New Hampshire as teacher.

Miss Frances West has taken a school in South Cairo, New York, where she commenced the term Monday.

Mrs. Manie Koop, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Bennington, Manchester and Arlington, has returned to her home in Northampton, Mass.

Sunderland.

The "Hillside Workers" will meet in the basement of the church Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Andrews, of central New York, are visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Fernelia Davenport of Broad Brook, Conn., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Landon, returned home last week.

J. C. Bradley of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., is expected to preach at the Union church Thursday evening.

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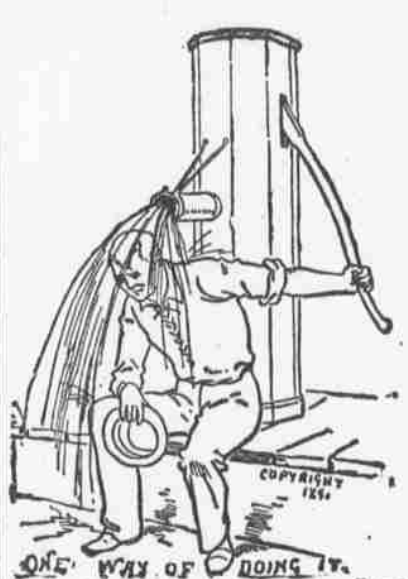
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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Estate of CURTIS E. WOODARD. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court of the District of Bennington, COMMISSIONER, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Curtis E. Woodard, late of Bennington, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby given, notice that we will meet for the purposes aforesaid, at the late dwelling of the deceased at School Street, Bennington, Vt., on the 7th day of Nov. and first Wednesday of March next, from 1 o'clock, until 4 o'clock p. m., each of said days, that six months from the 28th day of Sept. A. D. 1894 is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, this 25th day of Sept. A. D. 1894.

THOMAS WHITE,
R. M. HOUGHTON,
Commissioners.

ESTATE OF JOSIAH HALEY, Deceased.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.

STATE OF VERMONT, District of Bennington, ss. In Probate Court, held at Bennington, within and for said district, on the 8th day of September, A. D. 1894.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge. Gardner T. Parker, executor of the last will and testament of Josiah Haley, late of Bennington, in said district, deceased, presents, his administration account for examination and allowance, and make application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 29th day of Sept. A. D. 1894, for hearing and decision thereon; and it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Bennington Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

A record whereof is ordered to be made.

Attest, DONALD P. HURLBURT, Register.

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ESTATE OF ROBERT W. HASTINGS.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.

STATE OF VERMONT, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, in said district, on the 7th day of August, A. D. 1894.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge. Solomon Howard administrator of the estate of Robert W. Hastings, late of Shaftsbury, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 30th day of Sept. A. D. 1894, for hearing and decision thereon; and it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Bennington Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

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